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There are many blessings of the dry season that you can tap into. Any well digger will tell you that the best time to dig wells is in the dry season. The well will be

deeper, the water will be fresher, and it cannot dry up, rather, it will only increase in the rainy season. However, the well you dig in the rainy season will give you only surface level water, a deception that soon dries up in severe dry season.

For many people, dei salvation experience is a shallow one that only has water in the rainy season of life lout dries up in the dry seasons of life. Wien dings are good, their faith is up thucir praise is high, but when things are bad their faith is low, their praise is low, that is shallow water experience.

However, you can discover what to do in the dry

season of life: **DIG A WELLA**

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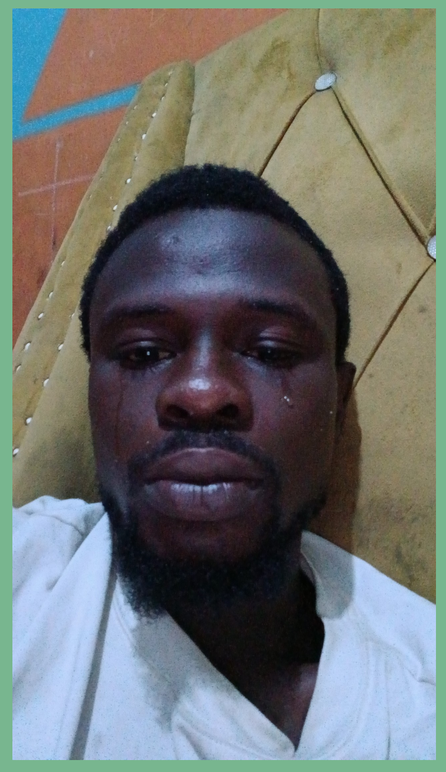

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From the passage, you can see that as

long as the earth remains you will go through contrasting cyclic seasons of life, one giving birth to the other, the one flowing into the other. You cannot have one without the other, that is the law operational on the earth for now!

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Dry season experiences are the following

Seedtime

Cold

Winter

Night

Rainy season experiences are the following

Harvest

Heat

Summer

Day

Life and destiny are a continuous flow from night into day; from cold into heat; from seedtime to harvest; from winter to summer. You can't escape the dry season and have the rainy season. I am not saying you cannot have victory all year round, but I am saying life is arranged according to

Genesis 8:22, but the attitude you develop in the dry seasone will help you to enjoy the raing

God gives us both seasons for a purpose

PSALMS 74:16-17

16. The day is thine, the night also is thine; thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

17. Thou bath set all the borders of the earth thou hast made summer and winter.

The night was given man for a reason. When you waste the night, you lose in the day. When you do not sow in the seedtime you cannot have a harvest.

Life is in seasons. If you die in the dry seasons, you cannot live in the rainy

seasons, Champions are groomed in the dry seasons and they are manifested in the rainy seasons. They produce the stuff of which champions are made. Let us go on a study of cach season and discover the blessings and what to do to move from the dry to the rainy seasons of life.

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23 ed them, saying, the ho e Son of man should be

24. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die,

it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

■GALATIANS 6:7-9

■7. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall be also reap.

■8. For be that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but be that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

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■9. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

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■This is the time when all you can do is to sow. Do not try to harvest when you should be sowing into your destiny. The

~~**seedtime is the time that your potential is being developed in the secret. It is the time that you have to break up the ground and prepare the ground of your life. It is the time when you are hiding and putting stuff into your spirit for the future. The seedtime is PREPARATION TIME.**~~

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BIBLICAL PROFILE OF SEEDTIME

(1) Joseph in Potiphar's house

GENESIS 39:1-6

1. And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaob, Captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the bands of the Ishmaelite, which bad brought him down thither.

2. And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and be was in the bouse of his master the Egyptian.

3. And bis master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to prosper in bis band.

4. And Joseph found grace in his sight, and be served him: and be made bim overseer over his house, and all that be bad be put into his band

5. And it came to pass from the time that be made bim overseer in bis bouse, and over all that be bad, that the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake, and the blessing of the Lord was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

6. And he left all that he had in Joseph's

hand; and he knew not ought be bad, save the bread which be did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured.

(2)

David with his father's sheep

1 SAMUEL 16:11-12

11. And Samuel said unto JESUS Are bere all thy children? And be said, there remaineth yet the youngest, and behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said to Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till be come bither.

12. And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him: for this is

he.

~~■PSALM 78:70-72~~

~~■70. He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds:~~

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~~■71. From following the ewes great with young be brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel bis inheritance.~~

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~~■72. So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.~~

(3) John the Baptist in the wilderness

~~■LUKE 1:80~~

~~■80. And the child grew, and waxed strong in the spirit, and was in the~~

~~**deserts till the day of bis showing unto Israel.**~~

(4) Paul in the wilderness of Arabia

■~~**GALATIANS 1: 13-17**~~

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■~~**13. For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jew's religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it:**~~

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■~~**14. And profited in the Jew's religion above many equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.**~~

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■~~**15. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me by His grace.**~~

■**~~16. To reveal His Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:~~**

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■**~~17. Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me, but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.~~**

The Apostles with JESUS

■**~~MARK 3:13-15~~**

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■**~~13. And He goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto Him whom He would: and they came unto Him.~~**

■~~14. And He ordained twelve, that they should be with Him, and that He might send them forth to preach.~~

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■~~15. And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils.~~

(6) When you are putting root down

■~~PSALMS 80:8-9~~

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■~~8. Thou has brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.~~

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■~~9. Thou prepareth room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.~~

(7) supper The filling-up stage at the marriage supper

■~~JOHN 2:7~~

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■~~Jesus saith unto them, Fill the water pots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.~~

(8)The foundation laying period of life, ministry, work, marriage, etc.

Roots down, fruits upwards

■~~ISAIAH 37:31~~

31. And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward:

If there is a problem of fruitfulness in a life,

it is not with the leaves. There is much labour for the root to penetrate the sand and rocks until it finds water. If the roots are not deep enough, the life of the tree will be endangered.

Every building rests on the strength of its foundation, a building cannot be stronger than its foundation, a tree cannot be stronger than its roots. Discern the seedtime of your life and sow into yourself and your destiny.

■~~GALATIANS 6:76~~

7. ...for whatsoever a man seweth, that shall be also reap.

■**~~ROMANS 8:12-13~~**

12. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not

to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

Make sure you do not take a short cut that will abort your destiny or make your journey longer. We live in a world and time when instant things are the order of the day and people avoid their seedtime in life which indicates they will begin the harvest.

■~~PROVERBS 20.4~~

4. The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall be beg in harvest and have nothing

Seedtime spells WORK. Your greatest enemy in seedtime will be laziness.

Another enemy in seedtime will be WRONG TIMING, Do not assume, do not presume. This is a seedtime; know the time to sow and do it so that you do not beg later.

■ ~~1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35~~

32. But I would bave you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, bow be may please the Lord:

33. But be that is married careth for the things that are of the world, bow be may please bis wife.

34. There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be boly both in body and in spirit: but she that

is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

35. And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction.

There is a time for every bachelor and spinster to sow quality time into their relationship with God, so that when they marry they can begin to enjoy the harvest. When a single person misses that time, he cannot have such a time again. There is a time in your life if you are called, that you will have time on your hand to pray and study like no other time. Once I fritter it away, you will harvest disaster and mediocrity later in life.

JOHN 2:7-8

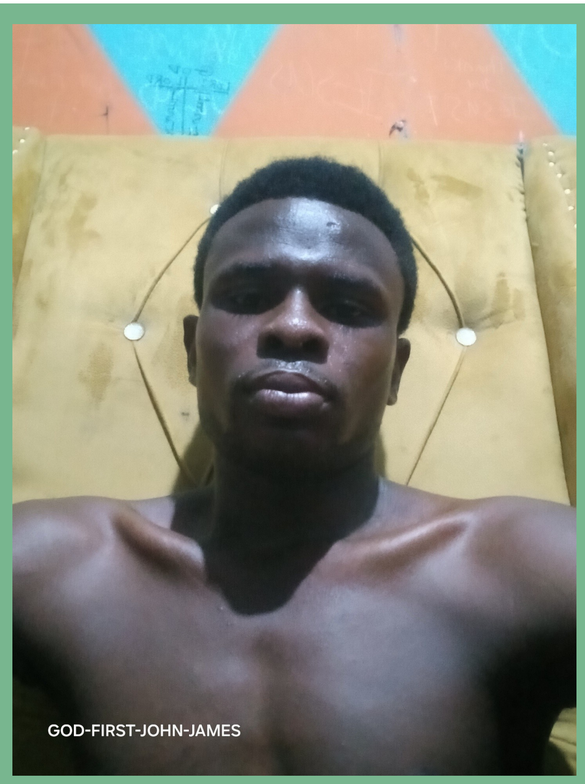
7. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the water pots with water. And they filled them up to the brim 8. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the Governor of the feast. And they bare it.

There is a time for you to fill up before you draw out. If you attempt to draw out when you should be filling up, you will endanger your spirit and life. Many are trying to SPEAK FOR GOD when they should be learning how to HEAR FROM GOD. Do not jump the gun in life.

■~~II TIMOTHY 2:5~~

5. And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is be not crowned except be strive lawfully.

There are rules that govern life and destiny, one of these is the principle of seedtime. How far you go in life and destiny will be determined by the quality of your foundation. The quality and quantity of the harvest of your life will be determined at the seedtime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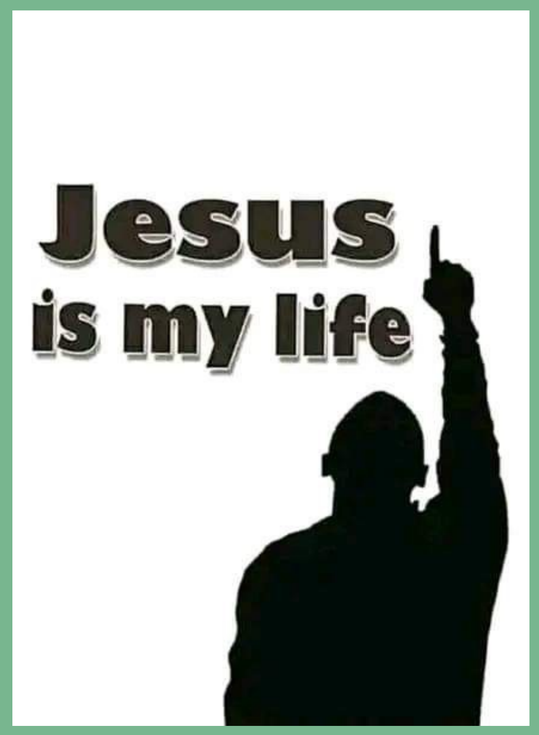
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Freedom's found
in Jesus
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Who will deliver me from this
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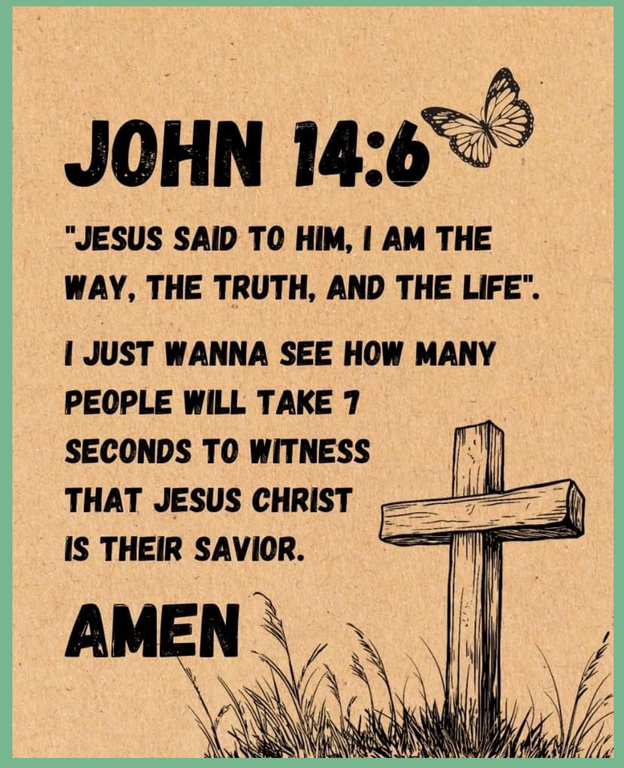
JOHN 14:6
"JESUS SAID TO HIM, I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE".
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generous with both.
God is good all the time!
PRAY + LOVE

night season experience before? When it looks dark and lonely? The Lord Jesus experienced the same on the cross!

■~~MARK 15:33~~

33. And when the sixth bour was come, there was darkness over the robole land until the ninth hour.

Have you seen couples head for divorce They did not know how to handle the night season! The word of God assures us that we can turn the night into day.

■~~PSALMS 30:5~~

5. For bis anger endureth but a moment; in bis favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

This verse describes the night season of life, the times when all you can do is cry; have you cried lately? Rejoice, joy is coming soon.

■~~JOHN 16:20-22~~

20. Verily, verily, I say unto you, that ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.

21. A woman when she is in travail bath sorrow, because ber bour is come: but as soom as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.

22. And ye now therefore have sorrow: but

I will see you again, and your beart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

The Lord tells us this in the Sermon on the Mount:

■~~MATTHEW 5:4~~

4. Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted.

Night seasons are those times that life does not treat us nice and fair, when after giving our best shot we still come up short. Such are the times when persecution comes because of our stand in faith. Paul was thrown into prison and at MIDNIGHT he sang praises. He was

marooned on the high seas, but at night the Angel of the Lord stood by him.

The night season is also a time of special ministration from heaven. The instructions we are to carry out in the day time, we receive most of them in the night seasons.

■~~PSALMS 16:7~~

7. I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons

If you waste the night, you will be at a disadvantage in the day.

BIBLICAL PROFILE OF THE NIGHT SEASON

1. Peter toiling all night

LUKE 5:4-5

4. Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a drought.

5. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net

2. Daniel in the Lions' Den

■~~DANIEL 6:16~~

16. Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel and cast bim into the den of Lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, He will deliver thee.

3. of fire The three Hebrew children in the furnace

DANIEL 3:13-23

13. Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king.

14. Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

15. Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if

ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?

16. Shadrach, Mesbach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.

17. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and be will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

18. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king that we will not serve thy gods nor worship the golden image which thou bas set up.

19. Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed

against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore be spake: and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was wont to be beated.

20. And be commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Mesbach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.

21. Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their bats and their other garments and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

22. Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

23. And these three men Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

4. David dethroned by Absalom

~~■II SAMUEL 15:13-14, 30~~

13. And there came a messenger to David saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom.

14. And David said unto all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee; for we shall not else escape from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and ring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword.

■~~30. And David went up by the ascent of the mount Olivet, and wept as he went up, weeping as they went up.~~

5.

Jesus on the cross

MARK 15:33

33. And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

6.

Paul and Silas in jail

ACTS 16:19-25

19. And when her masters saw that the

hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers,

20. And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city.

21. And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.

22. And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them.

23. And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely:

24. Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks

25. And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

7.

Jacob left alone

■~~GENESIS 32:24~~

24. And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.

8.

Hannah crying for a child

■~~I SAMUEL 1:9-10~~

9. So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they bad drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the Lord.

10. And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord and wept sore.

BLESSINGS AND MIRACLES OF THE NIGHT

(1) Israel left Egypt overnight

■~~EXODUS 12:29-30~~

29. And it came to pass, that at midnight the Lord smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaob

that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.

30. And Pharaob rose up in the night, be, and all bis servants, and all Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

(2)

The Red Sea parted at night

■~~EXODUS 14:20-22~~

20. And it came between the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave lightby night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night.

21. And Moses stretched out bis hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all the night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

22. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left

(3) The Passover was at night

■~~EXODUS 12:6-10~~

6. And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it the evening.7. And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the

two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

8. And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter berbs they shall eat it.

9. Eat not of it raw, not sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs; and with the purtenance thereof.

10. And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn fire.

(4)

Paul experienced an earthquake at night

■~~ACTS 16:25-26~~

25. And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners beard them.

26. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

(5)

Angelic encounters at night

■~~ACTS 27: 21-25~~

21. But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs ye should have harkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have

gained this harm and loss.

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Some of the most faith-building stories of God's presence, mercy, and intervention that have strengthened many a pilgrim on the journey of destiny took place at night in the Bible.

WHAT TO DO IN THE NIGHT SEASONS

(1) PRAY: Many of the outstanding prayers of the Bible took place at night

. Joshua told the sun and moon to stand at night

■~~JOSHUA 10:12-14~~

12. Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and be said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

13. And the Sun stood still, the Moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this

written in the book of Jasher? So the Sun stood still in the midst of the heaven, and basted not to go down about a whole day.

14. And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the Lord bearkened unto the voice of a man: for the Lord fought for Israel.
Jesus prayed all night to choose His disciples

■~~LUKE 6:12-13~~

12. And it came to pass in those days, that He went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

13. And when it was day, He called unto bim bis disciples: and of them He chose twelve, whom also He named apostles.

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PRAISE & WORSHIP

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■~~ACTS 27:33-34~~

33. And while the day was coming on, Paul

besought them all to take meat, saying, This day is fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fasting, baving taken nothing.

34. Wherefore I pray you take some meat: for this is for your bealth: for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you.

Do not be deceived by the devil. Night seasons may make things look different but keep your perspective on the word of God. Things look different and scary in the dark, but there really is no change. Night seasons are a period of growing special faith, faith for the miraculous. Do not waste your night, by allowing the devil to get into the day ahead of you. The only way to enter the day ahead of the devil is to start the day in the night before.The night is when you shed tears. The Bible

says God has a bottle for our tears.

■~~PSALMS 56:8~~

8. Thon tallest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?

■~~PSALMS 126:5-6~~

5. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

6. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

These two verses tell you that your tears are to water your precious seed that brings

the great harvest into your life. A tearless ministry will be a fruitless ministry. I am not advocating a pity-party kind of attitude to life but harnessing the night seasons and entering into the purpose to rule in the day.

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WINTER AND SUMMER

W INTER IS A TIME when only a few activities are going on or the time where there's a reduction in activity, a time when it looks like you are forgotten and by-passed. Many times, God allows a winter season of low activity into our own lives so we can refuel, refresh and re-fire. Otherwise, we just burn out and pack up

completely. One of the devil's master strategies is to WEAR OUT the saints, but God in His mercy reduces our activities for us to regain our energy

Do not be deceived by the anointing. The realm of the anointing has been described as a realm of tirelessness. Learn to withdraw and be very sensitive to the signals of God for you to withdraw. A fatigued man is not as effective in spiritual warfare (or anything else for that matter) as a well-rested man. I am not advocating laziness but understand that God arranges some winter of reduced activity into our lives.

Your activities are determined by how much of God's instruction you are carrying out, not how busy you are. To get His instructions, you need to have time to

listen to Him. Second, as a Minister, there are times that God will take you 'out of circulation' so to speak, to prepare you for greater assignments. Do not be looking for the praise of men that makes you desire summer time only.

Winter times are those times of seeming failure when we need to learn new things from God.

Most successful men in the world today will tell you their most important lessons that brought them success was learned at the place of failure.

So, if you have failed, do not give up! What can you learn? What is God trying to tell you? Do not die in the winter, go on to summer. As you learn your lesson, you move into the summer of divine activities

and prophetic actions, not just activities.

BIBLICAL PROFILE OF WINTER

(1) Moses at the backside of the desert.

■~~EXODUS 3:1~~

1. Now Moses kept the flock of Jetbro bis father in law, the priest of Midian: and be led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God even to Horeb.

David in exile

■~~I SAMUEL 27:1-4~~

1. And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me than I should

speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in any coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of bis hand.

2. And David arose, and he passed over with the six hundred men that were with him unto Achish, the son of Maoch, king of Gath.

3. And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, even David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's wife

4.And it was told Saul that David washed to Garbs and be sought no mere again for bim.

Naomi at Moab

■~~RUTH 1-5~~

1. Now it came to pass in the days roben the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem-judab went to sojourn in the country of Moah, be, and his wife, and bis 200 sons.

2. And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mablon and Chilon, Ephrathites of Bethlehem-judab. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.

3. And Elimelech Naomi's busband died; and she was left, and her two sons.

4. And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth: and they drwelled there about ten years.

5. And Mablon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her busband.

(4)

Peter drying and mending his nets

■~~LUKE 5:1-2~~

1. And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to bear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,

2. And he saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of

them, and were washing their nets.

Don't wait in the place of failure and build a monument to it. Mend your nets. Clean the ship. Get ready for a divine encounter. Get ready to sail out again, this time with the Master on board; Peter was getting his net ready. Do not be idle. The Lord will always come to put an end to the winter season. Moses was tending the sheep, and his bush burned. The assignment God gives you in winter seasons may not be grandiose or loud, but they are most crucial to your getting out of the winter season. They are lessons to learn on your way to greatness.

WHAT TO DO IN WINTER

1.

Discern the little jobs God brings your way and do them faithfully.

2.

Do not accept failure as final.

3.

Get ready in your mind.

4.

Look out for the divine encounter God is bringing your way.

COLD AND HEAT

COLD OLD SEASONS OF LIFE are times that Your human weaknesses and frailties are exposed, and without divine intervention, we will sink. Have you ever been where it looks like you are so frail you cannot make it? Human maturity is marked and revealed by progressive independence of the parents, but Christian maturity is marked by progressive dependence on the Holy Spirit. No matter who you are, you will never get to a place that you do not need the Holy Spirit. If you ever do, you are gone forever from God.

Have you ever been sick? That is a cold season of life when you know you are human like the rest. Have you ever made a mistake? That is a cold season of life

when you realize you are still a member of the human race. There are times when God's protective wings are offered us to enjoy, seasons when we find Him as our rear guard. When we know what is meant when the Bible says, "God is our shade on our right hand" (Ps. 121:5) (the right hand is the side not protected by a shield in battle).

BIBLICAL PROFILES OF COLD SEASONS

(1) Peter at the point of sinking in the water after walking on water

■~~MATTHEW 14:27-31~~

27. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

28. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

29. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the sbip, be walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

30. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

31. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith wherefore didst thou doubt?

(2) Samson, when he became thirsty after a great victory

■~~JUDGES 15:18-19~~

18. And he was sore athirst, and called on the Lord, and said, Thou bast given this great deliverance into the hand of thy servant: and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?

19. But God clave an hollow place that was in the jaw, and there came water there out; and when be bad drunk, his spirit came again, be revived: wherefore be called the name thereof En-bakkore, which is in Le-bi unto this day.

(3) Elijah after Mount Carmel when he ran from Jezebel

■~~I KINGS 19:1-4~~

1. And Abab told Jezebel all that Elijah bad done, and withal borw be bad slain all the

prophets with the sword2. Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.

3. And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

4. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

(4)

Peter, when he went a-fishing

■~~JOHN 21:2-3~~

2. There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples.

3. Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a-fishing. They say unto him, we also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; that night they caught nothing.

WHAT TO DO IN COLD SEASONS OF LIFE

(1)

Lean on the everlasting arms of God. Do not rest on the arm of flesh. Do not make fig leaves for yourself like Adam and Eve. I

know it is difficult, but nothing short of divine intervention can help us at such seasons.

■~~DEUTERONOMY 33:27a~~

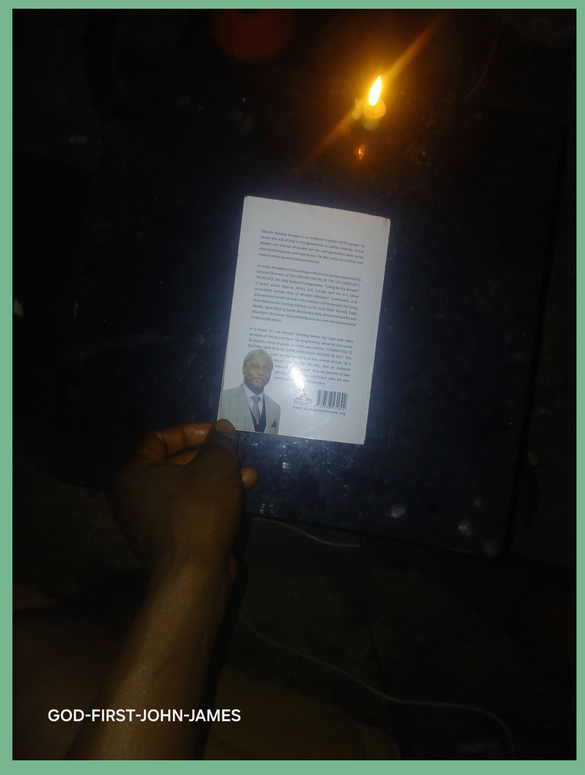
27. The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms....

(2) Allow His provision to be sufficient for you. Do not reject the provision of God. Take advantage of the strength of God. Be like the ant that crossed a bridge on the back of an elephant and said: "we did it together."

(3)

Realize that no matter how strong you are in the physical, you will always need God.

He is the fire. We are flames of fire. Remove the fire and the heat and flame will go. Except the Lord builds the house they labour in vain that build it. He is there, Jehovah Shammah is His name.



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